Highways in Rajasthan

†419. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 23 proposals of Rajasthan Government related to Inter-State roads are pending with Government;

(b) whether four proposals of Inter-State roads are pending with Government for technical approval and financial sanction;

(c) if so, since when these proposals are pending;

(d) by when Government would accord approval to these proposals and sanction these estimates; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir. Only 9 proposals under Inter-State Road connectivity were received from Rajasthan Government for the year 2004-05 out of which 6 proposals have been selected for in-principle approval keeping in view the availability of funds and inter-se-priority.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. These four proposals of Inter-State roads were received in the month of November, 2004. One proposal has been returned to State Government for modification as per Ministry's guidelines. Remaining three proposals have been taken up for technical scrutiny.

Golden Quadrilateral Project

420. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that completion of the Rs. 25,000 crore Golden Quadrilateral Project linking Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata, originally targeted for June, 2003 and subsequently revised to December, 2004 has been further delayed;

(b) if so, the detailed reasons therefor and fresh time-table drawn up for completion of the super highway;

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